

ATTACHMENT C
CUA OPERATING REQUIREMENTS
For
Commercial Guided Backpacking Trips

PERMITTED SEASON DATES

Isle Royale is open to commercial guided backpacking trips from April 16 to October 31.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

When conducting trips within Isle Royale National Park, the permittee is required to have in their possession the following:

- Valid State or provincial license, if applicable, covering commercial operations
- Isle Royale topographic map
- Copy of Commercial Use Authorization Permit

REQUIRED CAMPING PERMITS AND PARTY SIZE LIMITS

CAMPING PERMITS are required for ALL OVERNIGHT USE within Isle Royale National Park. Permittee must obtain a camping permit **BEFORE** arriving on the Island. **Advance "Group" campsite reservations are MANDATORY** for any trip that includes more than six people (including guides/staff). All organizations must get camping permits in advance. Each permit has a \$25 non-refundable processing fee attached and is payable by check or credit card. Advance camping reservations can be made on-line www.pasty.com/~isro/nps2.php or by calling the park headquarters 906-482-0984.

Permittee must use established campgrounds for all overnight use; use of cross-country camping zones is prohibited. No party travelling together may be larger than 10 people under any circumstances. Only parties of six or less may use regular campsites, and shelters; parties of 7 to 10 MUST use designated "Group" campsites. All parties under a Commercial Use Authorization Permit or Special Use Permit must follow the nightly itinerary specified on their camping permit.

Permittee may not have more than a total of 20 people camping on the island at any one time. Permittee may not bring more than a cumulative total of 80 people to the park during any one operating season.

PARK DAILY USE FEE

All visitors must pay a \$4 per person per day user fee. If coming by ferry boat or seaplane, these fees will be collected for the park by the ferry operators. Only employees of the permittee are exempt from this fee. The Commercial Use Authorization Permit

must be presented to fee collection staff in order to be provided the exemption.

REQUIREMENT TO CLEAR CUSTOMS

Every person entering the United States from Canada must first pass through a U.S. Customs and Immigration inspection. This is true regardless of the nationality of the individual or purpose of the visit. Inspection stations are located at the Windigo and Rock Harbor Ranger Stations.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Permittee is required to prepare and submit an Annual CUA Report. This report must be submitted to the Superintendent, Isle Royale National Park, and must be received no later than November 30 each year. All information requested by the Superintendent must be provided, including Gross Annual Receipts.

SEARCH AND RESCUE COSTS

Permittee will reimburse the National Park Service, Isle Royale National Park, for all costs incurred by the National Park Service in providing search and rescue services to the permittee or permittee's customers.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Failure to comply with these operating requirements will result in revocation of the Commercial Use Authorization for a minimum period of one year. Violation of park regulations may result in the issuance of a Federal Violation Notice.